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Dear Mr May -

Many thanks for your very interesting letter - which I received just on the eve of starting into the country for our annual holiday - we were absent only five weeks - and did not go beyond the reach of letters and papers - amongst which were the Americans - Commonwealths - Liberator - Anti Slavery Standard - and 'The Nation' - the last a very excellent weekly journal - we ought to be 'up' in your politics you see! Things look very dark just now - and I for one, have lost all faith in Andrew Johnson and will never give a voice for Abraham Lincoln - who was a true Man - how very short-sighted is humanity - always - Men must know that the future peace & prosperity of the country depend upon the freedom - nay the equality - of black and white - the question of colour - should be set at rest for ever - but - he does not intend so to act - the poor negro has terrible secrets & em - ploys to pass through I fear, before he is

really - free - - what a false stereotyped idea
of God - need the Southern churches -
what justice - can they see in their
beliefs - that a League of Nations
was created for slaves - - justice is the
need of Society - now - need not only
in America - we English have much
to learn - our working classes - as - if
not more intelligent than the Acisto-
cracy - begin to feel bitterly their excla-
-sion from the suffrage - I trust our
new Parliament with its improved
members - will effect some reform in
our voting system - our working men want
fairer their Rights - need these - will come
the struggle for Women's Rights - for
Americans are in advance of Europeans
as regards Women's position - we are doing
all we can by means of education - to
prepare for a better state of things here

- I feel that our world now is of as
much importance as during the war -
and must be - whilst the need for clothing
lasts - and when the physical wants are
supplied - I think Englishwomen should

still give the help they can - for the educa-
tion of the colored race - whilst unable
to pay for teaching - The reports that
reach us of the schools opened in
various localities - are very interesting
and satisfactory - These things will
soon - still one feels certain - that
the right man is coming for the
work - must come - Altho he has such
a band of wild abolitionists in America
laboring in his cause - but every the
Veteran Garrison he opened to act
with his noble younger brothers - Phillips,
&c -

Call our clothing contributions to
the National Aid Societies Relief As-
sociation at New York - we send through
their Bureau - and have affiliated
ourselves with the N. Y. Association
which I am informed was the most
well made of giving aid - I have
this evening read Stuart Hiles letter
in the Star - copied from the Cincinnati
Commercial - it is ably written - & full of
truth - we feel his relation for Westchester

pute a triumph - I am glad you have
such abiding faith in Americans -
hope they deserve it - they should feel
that all nations are watching them
closely and anxiously - they have a
splendid opportunity ~~to~~ let them
not lose it - Again thanking you

I remain my dear Sir

Yours respectfully & truly

Wm L. Chapin

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